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The Honorable Colleen Kollar-Kotally
U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

c/o Renata B. Hesse
Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice
601 D Street NW, Suite 1200
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Re: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Judge Kollar-Kotally:

I am a supporter of the free enterprise system and believe that government should generally allow businesses to operate and compete without government intervention. Nonetheless, I am informed that a settlement has been proposed in the Microsoft case that may not be in the best interest of average consumers like me.

I understand that the original trial court held that Microsoft violated U.S. antitrust laws and that the Court of Appeals did not overturn that portion of the trial court's decision. If Microsoft has violated antitrust laws, they have hurt rather than promoted competition which is one of the most important aspects of a free enterprise system. This can not be good for the average consumer.

If the proposed settlement does not resolve the antitrust violations, then Microsoft's conduct could continue into the future, therefore, I ask that you not accept the proposed settlement and take whatever action may be appropriate to properly protect the interests of consumers.

Sincerely,



Mike Browning

cc: The Honorable Mark Shurtleff, Utah Attorney General

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